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REMARKS

Claims 1-19 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Beeson, Jr., et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,396,543. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The claimed invention is directed at overcoming the problem which arises because a network provider needs a network manufacturer to implement a complicated modification of switching actions in a switching system, for example, routing of call connections flexibly for individual/selected subscribers. To this end, claim 1 recites "the data being established subscriber-individually for at least one mobile subscriber via the operation and maintenance sub-system. Thus, conditions for a subscriber-contended control of actions in a mobile switching center MSC are established via the operation and maintenance sub-system OMS.

As admitted by the Examiner, the system disclosed in Beeson establishes call routing by the HLR and the mobile switching center MSC according to a call forwarding number set by a customer. However, the home location register HLR is *not* part of the operation and maintenance sub-system, as claimed. Thus, the above-quoted feature of claim 1 is not taught or suggested by Beeson.

Furthermore, claim 1 also recites that at least one action is controlled subscriber-dependent given a satisfied condition of at least one of call-related data and subscriber specific data. Beeson fails to refer to the claimed conditions data (from an OMS) allowing subscriber dependent control of an action. Beeson only teaches subscriber control of an action by modifying call forwarding information, which is via the HLR, not the OMS, and does not relate to the claimed conditions. Applicants respectfully submit that the use of an HLR for a subscriber-contended control of actions in a mobile switching center MSC is different than controlling a definition of conditions via an operation and maintenance sub-system OMS of a mobile network, i.e., not by a subscriber and not via an HLR. Thus, this feature of claim 1 is not taught or suggested by Beeson.

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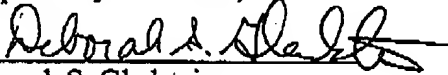
Claim 19 is patentable for the same reasons claim 1 is patentable. Claims 2-18, depending either directly or indirectly from claim 1, are similarly patentable. In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

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